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SUBJECT: VISIT BY DAYAN TO WASHINGTON

REF: TEL AVIV 4511

1. YOU SHOULD TELL BEGIN THAT SECRETARY WILL OF COURSE BE
HAPPY TO HAVE DAYAN COME TO WASHINGTON IF HE WISHES. THERE
IS HOWEVER A PROBLEM OF SCHEDULING WHICH WILL PROBABLY
MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR DAYAN TO PLAN TO COME ABOUT MIDDLE
OF NEXT WEEK. THE SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY
MOST OF THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL. HE WILL BE LEAVING
FOR AFRICA ON APRIL 13 AND RETURNING FOR A DAY ONLY ON
APRIL 18 (DURING WHICH HE WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH CENTO
CONFERENCE), BEFORE GOING TO MOSCOW AND POSSIBLY FROM THERE

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BACK AGAIN TO AFRICA, IN WHICH CASE HE WOULD BE BACK IN
WASHINGTON JUST IN TIME FOR BEGIN'S NEXT VISIT.

2. SECRETARY COULD RECEIVE DAYAN ON APRIL 12. REALIZE
NOTICE IS SHORT BUT THAT IS REALLY THE ONLY TIME, EVEN
THOUGH CEAUCESCEAU WILL BE IN WASHINGTON THAT DAY. TWO
VISITS SHOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND ADEQUATE

TIME CAN BE ARRANGED FOR MEETINGS BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND DAYAN. OUR TENTATIVE THOUGHT IS THAT SECRETARY WOULD HAVE GOOD SESSION WITH DAYAN SOMETIME ON APRIL 12 AS WELL AS HOST WORKING LUNCH FOR HIM THAT DAY. IN ADDITION, ATHERTON,

SAUNDERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MIDDLE EAST GROUP WOULD BE AVAILABLE THAT DAY AND ON 13TH IF DAYAN WISHED TO STAY OVER TO GO OVER POSITIONS OF TWO SIDES IN DETAIL AND MAKE SURE WE HAVE FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL NUANCES OF EACH OTHER'S VIEWS ON ALL ISSUES.

3. IF DAYAN ACCEPTS APRIL 12 YOU SHOULD SAY WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GOI'S ANNOUNCING VISIT AS SOON AS IT WISHES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHEN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE. OF COURSE WE WILL CONFIRM WHEN ASKED HERE. FYI YOU SHOULD GET ACROSS THAT IT SHOULD BE CLEAR IN ISRAEL'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT INITIATIVE FOR DAYAN'S VISIT IS THE GOI'S. END FYI.

4. I LEAVE IT UP TO YOU AS TO WHETHER YOU CONSIDER IT MORE IMPORTANT TO STAY IN ISRAEL OR COME TO WASHINGTON WITH DAYAN. FYI WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO PROPOSE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND AT THIS STAGE DO NOT KNOW IF ONE CAN BE ARRANGED IF ISRAELIS ASK FOR IT. IF ISRAELIS RAISE SUBJECT OF DAYAN'S SEEING THE PRESIDENT YOU SHOULD NOT OFFER ENCOURAGEMENT. END FYI.

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